

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 19, 2009 the Office noted that claims 1-17 were pending and rejected claims 9-17. Claims 2, 8 and 9 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1-17 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office has indicated that claims 1-8 and 17 are allowable. The Applicants acknowledge the allowance of the claims and thank the Office for its consideration in examining these claims.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 2 stands objected to for informalities. In particular, the Office asserts that the claim contains a typographical error. The Applicants have amended the claim to overcome the objection. The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of the claim.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 8-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly

point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Office asserts the claims contain antecedent basis problems. The Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejection. The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of the claims.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is also submitted that claims 1-17 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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